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## Still a Goldilocks economy

It was a winning week for the U.S. economy. The big prize came in the form of a robust employment report that showed a gain of 313,000 jobs nationwide and the unemployment rate remaining at a healthy 4.1%. But other gauges also surprised to the upside, including nonmanufacturing (service) activity posting excellent progress and companies reporting they plan on spending on capital expenditures in the near future. Lastly, wage inflation was subdued. Wage gains are part of a healthy economy, but it is better if they advance steadily rather than shoot up, a concern that many economists have when they see strong employment figures.

The London interbank offered rate rose again over last week in anticipation of the hike, with 1-month increasing to 1.75%, 3-month rising to 2.09% and 6-month increasing to 2.27%.